HOMER BAKER, FAMOUS MIDDLE-DISTANCE RUNNER, RETIRES



and Johnston Assure U. S. A.'s Supremacy in Tennis for Many Years to Come.

T will probably be a long time before any nation separates Uncle Sam from his tennis honors. Tilden and Johnston, who cleaned up abroad, first in England and last week in New Zealand, for the historic Davis Cup, are both young men. The two Bills should have at least four years of championship tournament service coming to them. In their wake will surely come a flock of capable youngsters. The country is full of om now. When future national champions are card-indexed the name of Vincent Richards, the boy wonder, is invariably the first one mentioned. Here is a lad who is still some distance from voting age, and yet his wizardry with a racquet has already stamped him as being one of the most remarkable young stars ever developed in this country. Richards is only one of many who will be qualified to take the places of Tilden and Johnston when the pace begins to get too exacting for them.

Increased activity among boys al-ways follows international victories. Back in 1913, when Francis Ouimet defeated Harry Vardon and Ted Ray, famous British golfers, in a sensational play-off at Brookline for the national open title, countless youngsters immediately began to switch their attention to the links. Before this event golf was like Sanakrit to many youths but the success of the young American over his veteran British opponents had a strong appeal for the rising generation. For months after the golf department of sport emporiuma was beseiged with curious youngsters who were eager to buy clubs "just like the ones Quimet

The success of Tilden in the British championship and the victory of the American team for the Davis Cup will fetch in a whole army of juvenile recruits to the game this year. It will be a good thing for the sport that is already growing tremendously. Yet, no matter how many participate, the ultimate success of any sport comes only through the development of promising young players. The United States Lawn Tennis Associa-"sion has been alive to this and has

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LIVE WIRES

By Neal R. O'Hara.

PRINGLE RUNS FOR OFFICE.

Esra Pringle announces he's out for Governor on the reform ticket, with the emphasis on Sunday golf. Ezra considers himself as good as any man in the W. C. T. U. He hasn't touched a bottle since he was two years old except for a few nips of ketchup one cold night. That's why he's after golf. He's going to tackle it backwards, commencing at the 19th hole. Ezra finds there is no tea at the 19th, and wants to know the reason why.

The way the experts describe it, you hop on the Green River in one and sink the shot in an additional stroke. The stroke requires a next elbow movement. That's why Sunday golf is scandalous to Ezra. Sunday is his favorite day and dessert—he hates to see it descrated. Mr. Pringle admits he does is holes himself every Sunday, but that's when he laces Mrs. Pringle's corsets. He has a par of 71 on the kabo

Ezra hears those uncouth fellows speak of "in the rough." That's how he knows there's rough stuff in the game. Golfers also carry cards, which is very bad on Sunday. On the finer points he is slightly muddied. He thinks a mashle's to mash potatoes with and a midiron's for pressing pants. However, Mr. Pringle is against Sunday golf. He believes the open championship should be closed and the golf clubs all locked up on Sundays. And the bugs should not require stimulation. Circus ismonade could keep 'em in the pink of condition. The kind of circus ismonade they now ifse calls for three rings. On the third ring the steward brings the poison. died. He thinks a mashle's to mash potatoes with and a midiron's for

Mr. Pringle isn't against golf entirely. For instance, he's in favor of the long green. When there's any of it loose he's on in one jump. Exra only wants all the golf links led out and embalmed. After that he promises other reforms. He wasn't brought up in a reform school

Fistic News John Pollock and Gossip Harry Greb of Pittsburgh, one of Sporting Club to-night. Mossberg will be seconded

OWN SPORT HISTORY the topnotchers in the light heavy-weight division, who is now fighting under the management of George Swatile, the former aviator of the United States Engel, was offered a match with Tom Arms, and Artis O'Leary of the east side, who Gibbons of St. Paul, at Madison recently sained decisions over Jehnay Drummis and Jimmy Rane. In the semi-final Willis Conners. Square Garden, on Jan. 17, but nothing the bantamweight champion of Connecticut, will 1823 will receive the largest list of nomi-pations in its history. The entries are due to close to-day with Secretary Earlocker, who has been in Kentucky for the past ten days in consultation will return to-day with the nominations of the biggest of the Biuc Grass horsement of the biggest of the Biuc Grass horsement to augment the handsome total been a great bout for the Garden as which has been pilled up during his absence.

The first regular event of the new Dan Morzan, manager of Ratilles Lexically to will return to-day with the nominations

The first regular event of the new The first regular event of the new year brought a large field of gunners to the Travers latand traps of the New York Athletic Club yesterday. The feature of the day was the starting of a new monthly handleap—a distance affair. In the shoot yesterday legs were scored by F. A. Slebert, W. G. Allen, M. McVoy and Dr. G. H. Martin. All had 23 out of 25 targets, shooting from various marks.

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A PROFESSOR OF JIU JITSU & WOULD LEWIS SUBDENLY

FIND HIS HOLD BROKEN AND GO SPINNING TO THE PLOOP.

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EVENING WORLD'S

The Eric A. A team defeated the Bah.

Cock & Wilcox soccer eleven by the score of a goals to 0 before a crowd of 6,000 people at Harrison, N. J., yeater-day, i advanced into the fifth round of the annual cup competition of the American Football Association, whither Robins Dry Dock, through the defeat of Bethlehem at Bethlehem, had preceded them.

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AGAINST A GOOD FAST PUNCHING BOXER

ng came out of the negotiations on most Tommy Shea of Yorkvilla. account of Greb not being willing to Barry Illi, the Greenwich Village featherweight

Dan Morgan, manager of Battling Levinsky, the American light heavyweight champion, received a cablegram from Levinsky restordsy in which Levinsky informed him that both he and Pete Herman, and he will be a proposed to the manager of Battling Capital Section of Detroit, Mich., on Say informed him that both he and Pete Herman.

Jan. 7. Caponi is a promising youngette, on head arrived. the former bantamweight champion, had arrived a fair in England and would start training in a few days for their bouts on Jan. 15 with Bun-bardler Wells and Jimmy Wilde, the flyweight Through a mistake we stated last week that Through a mistake we stated last week that

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They Caped defeated Billy De Foe at Waterbury, to be rolled on alleys 3, 4 and 5 on the fourth floor, starting at 3 P. M., Bull Beennan, the Chicago heavyweight, draw such thught De Foe, but did fight Freedite Jacks, the follows: Jan. 9, Beekman Hill-More prizes than ever to be won outright will be put up for competition this year at the forty-fifth annual show of the Westminster Kennel Club, to be held once more at Madleon Square Garden on Feb. 16, 11 and 12.

The Eric A. A team defeated the Babbook & Wilson Soccer eleven by the score of 4 goals to 0 before a crowd of

By Thornton Fisher Holder of World's Record For 660 Yards Outdoors Sails for Panama To-Day

Half-Mile Champion Turns In He has also held the Metropolitan, His Amateur Registration Card.

By Alex. Sullivan.

OMER BAKER - not "Home Run" Baker-is through with athletics for good and all time.

athletics for good and all time. That is, he is through with amateur competition, as he has turned in his registration card to the Secretary of the Metropolitan A. A. U.

Baker, who has won titles and fame in various sections of the globe, to say nothing of winning several titles while competing in national and local events, both indoor and outdoor, will sail to-day for the Panama Canal Zone, where he will serve as a director of athletics for Uncle Sam.

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Few runners have ever achieved a more favorable or honorable record than the bespeckled middle-distance runner of the Glencoe A. C., who subscription and disbursements of the committee's organization, started his long and brilliant athletic

When Homer cast his lot with the amateur union he gave up high jumping and devoted all his time to run-ning, and it wasn't long before he attracted the attention of all the ex-perts, who predicted a bright future

or him. Baker retires from the world of athletics with an enviable record. He takes along with him the world's outdoor running record for 660 yards, having covered the distance 1.20 2-5. He has twice held the ne though half-mile title, which was 1913 and 1914 while aporting the winged foot of the New York A.

TACK'S GOSSIP AND

BOWLING NEWS

donated by the friends of the Uniteds.

Total pins for ten-pin and nine-pin

game are to count. The teams rolling

the highest totals are to receive the

trophies. A club can bowl as many

entry fee will be charged. The tour-

Gothams Original Nut Nabob; Jan.

16, Jupiter-Park-Wild Cat-Knicker-

bocker: Jan. 23, E-Z-Bleecker-Con-

distance.

When Homer twice won the mational half-mile titles, the first time in Chicago and the following year here, he defeated, among others, the peerless Mel Sheppard. Later he also won over Abel Kiviat, defeating him in the games conducted by the Military Athletic League, creating a new M. A. L. record of 1.554-5 for the half-mile.

In the English charmineships, as

An official investigation into the funds, and its conduct with regard to started his long and brilliant athletic career as a high jumper. He won the high school championships in this event for three successive years.

When Homer cast his lot with the appointed at the last national A. A. U. convention in New Orleans, and is composed of William C. Prout, New England A. A. U., Chairman; Jere-miah T. Mahoney, Metropolitan A. A. U., and Charles D. Lynch, Central A. A. U., Secretary.

Amateur Boxing Championshipsin Garden To-Night

Madison Square Garden will be brown open to the "simon pure" boxers to-night and to-morrow night, when the preliminaries and the finals, espectively, will be held for the New York State amateur boxing cham-The annual ten-pin head pin and plonships. According to Tex Rickard, ine-pin head pin tournament of the record list of entries has been re-United Bowling Clubs is to open at ceived, and the quality of the enthe association headquarters, No. trants is the best ever listed for an 1241 Broadway, on Jan. 9. The prizes amateur tournament. for which the clubs will bowl will be

Incidentally, a new job has been reated by the Metropolit in Association of the A. A. U. It is that of tailor to the scrappers."

Two tailors have been engaged to sew cams as it can muster, but no man each boxer who will compete, as the can bowl on more than one team. No as track athletes and football players. This will serve to make the contests nament is exclusively for members more interesting to the spectators who of the United Bowling Clubs. The schedule for the tournament, which is | contestants in the bouts, as there will be to be rolled on alleys 3, 4 and 5 on so many competing in this tournament.

assigned to the different bouts they will judge: John Walsh, Pastime A. C. and Joseph Conlon, the first seven bouts; Commissioner E. C. Cann. Elizabeth.
N. J., and J. J. O'Brien, New York A.
C., the second seven bouts; Sam Jacobs, Pastime A. C., and H. Ouertilibssing, West Side Y. M. C. A., third sevenJohn P. Boyle, Clermont A. C., and J.
W. Stumpf, Grace Club, the last seven
bouts. cordia-Prospect; Jan. 30, Mucker-Squirrel-Harmonie-Civil Service; Feb. 13, Rosedale-Mutual-Empire-Yorkville; Feb. 20, Spartan-Swiss-Homearad-Tammany